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Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a colle of information unless if displays a valid OMB control number. Docket Number (Optional) PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) 29347/50798 FY 2008 (Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).) **Application Number** 10/540,496-Conf. #4171 Filed December 23, 2003 Apparatus for Manufacturing Molten Irons to Improve Operation of Fluidized Bed Type Reduction Apparatus and Manufacturing Method Using the Same Art Unit 1793 Examiner Tima Michele McGuthry Banks This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below): <u>Fee</u> **Small Entity Fee** One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) \$120 \$60 Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) \$460 \$230 Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) \$1050 \$525 Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) \$1640 \$820 Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) \$2230 \$1115 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. х Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account. X The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 13-2855 . I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. I am the applicant/inventor. assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96). attorney or agent of record. Registration Number 28,491 attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34. Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34 May 5, 2008 Signature Date James P. Zeller (312) 474-6300 Typed or printed name Telephone Number NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.

forms are submitted.